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In re Application of:

VIKTORS BERTIS

Serial No. 09/404,398

Filed: September 23, 1999

For: **PERSONAL PRODUCT LOCATOR
ON STORE-OWNED SHOPPING AID**

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Examiner: **TIMOTHY FARISS**

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AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated April 9, 2002, having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 9, 2002. A fee of \$84.00 is required to cover one additional independent claim in this amendment. Please charge the fee of \$84.00 to IBM CORPORATION Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time, as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to IBM CORPORATION Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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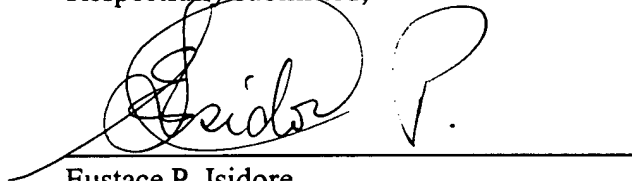
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CONCLUSION

Applicant has diligently responded to the Office Action by amending the claims and showing why the claims are not anticipated by Ogasawara. The amendments and arguments overcome the §102 rejections and Applicants, therefore, respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Isidore P.", is written over a horizontal line.

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